

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance in the above application is respectfully sought.

Initially, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 18-29 and 31 stand allowed. As none of these Claims has been further amended, they remain in condition for allowance.

The invention is set forth in independent Claim 4 is directed toward an image processing apparatus with input means for inputting image data together with size detection means for detecting a size of the image data and manual feeding means for feeding manual loading recording material of various sizes. There is also provided the determining means for determining, based on the size of the image data detected by the size detection means, a recording material size appropriate for recording the image data input by the input means and display means for displaying, when feeding is to be preformed by the manual feeding means, the recording material size determined by the determining means. As amended, Claim 4 is further characterized in that the display means does not display the recording material sized determined by the determining means when feeding is not to be preformed by the manual feeding means.

Claims 14 and 30 are directed to control methods and machine readable mediums on which is stored a program for effecting a machine process, and each of Claims 14 and 30 corresponds to Claim 4.

Claims 4, 14 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ogura. In view of the above amendments, the rejection is respectfully reversed.

Specifically, as now amended, each of Claims 4, 14 and 30 as well as dependent Claim 17, provides for displaying the appropriate recording material size when feeding is to be preformed by the manual feeding means and not displaying the recording material size when feeding is not to be preformed by manual feeding means. It is respectfully submitted that these features are neither taught nor suggested by Ogura. It is

therefor respectfully submitted that each of Claims 4, 14, 17 and 30 are patentable over the applied art.

New independent Claim 32 is directed to an image processing apparatus with an input unit for inputting image data, a manual feeding unit for feeding a recording material and size detection means for detecting, as feeding of the recording material is to begin, a size of the image data input by the input unit. The determining means is provided for determining, based on the size of the image data detected by the size detection means, a recording material size appropriate for recording the image data input by the input unit and a display for displaying, when feeding is to be preformed by the manual feeding unit, the recording material size determined by the determining means.

Independent Claims 34 and 35 are directed to control methods and machine readable mediums and correspond at least in the assailant features to independent Claims 32.

With regard to the newly presented independent Claims, Applicants have presented language which is believed to clarify the effect made by displaying the size of the recording material, where the size is not detected until at least when the recording material is fed in the manual feeding unit.

Moreover, the structure in Ogura identified as corresponding to the manual feeding means is understood to be cassettes 305, 306 and 307. However, the cassettes are not manual feeding units as recited in the claim. And unlike the present invention, Ogura does not distinguish between a manual feeding mechanism and the cassette. Applicants respectfully submit that with the above clarifying language the new claims distinguish these Ogura.

With respect to the display in Ogura, the specification at column 7, lines 18-37 is not understood to disclose Applicants' claimed invention. That portion of Ogura is believed to show only that a user selects the paper size by using operation and display section 19 but is not understood to suggest to display the size of the recording material for recording the image data which has been determined on the basis on a detected result of the


size of input image data. Thus, it is not seen how Ogura teaches or even suggest the display of the present invention.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that each of newly presented Claims 32-35 are distinguishable over the applied art.

Applicants respectfully submit that all outstanding matters in the above application have been addressed and that this application is in condition of allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage of the above application is respectfully sought.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO THE CLAIMS

4. (Amended) An image-processing apparatus comprising:

input means for inputting image data;

size-detection means for detecting a size of the image data input by said

input means;

manual-feeding means for receiving and feeding manually-loaded

recording material of various size;

determining means for determining, based on the size of the image data detected by said size-detection means, a recording-material size appropriate for recording the image data input by said input means; and

display means for displaying, when feeding is to be performed by said manual-feeding means, the recording-material size determined by said determining means, said display means not displaying the recording-material size determined by said determining means when feeding is not to be performed by said manual-feeding means.

14. (Amended) A control method for an image-processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

(a) inputting image data;

(b) detecting a size of the image data input in step (a);

(c) determining a recording-material size appropriate for recording the image data input in step (a) based on the size of the image data detected in step (b); and

(d) displaying the recording-material size determined in step (c) before the start of recording when the recording is to be done on recording material fed by a manual-feeding mechanism for use with said image-processing apparatus, and not displaying the recording-material size determined in step (c) when feeding is not to be performed by the manual-feeding mechanism.

30. (Amended) A machine-readable medium on which is stored a program for effecting the steps of:

(a) inputting image data;

(b) detecting a size of the image data input in step (a);

(c) determining a recording-material size appropriate for recording the image data input in step (a) based on the size of the image data detected in step (b); and

(d) displaying the recording-material size determined in step (c) before the start of recording when the recording is to be done on recording material fed by a manual-feeding mechanism for use with said image-processing apparatus, and not displaying the recording-material size determined in step (c) when feeding is not to be performed by the manual-feeding mechanism.